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In re Application of:

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For: **CROSSLINKED POLYMER,
METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING IT AND
USE THEREOF**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned case as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

5. (Amended) A method of using the crosslinked polymer according to Claim 1 in
a reaction step

wherein said reaction step is a step of carrying out an ion exchange reaction or a
step of carrying out a reaction for activating an active hydrogen atom in an active
hydrogen-containing compound.

6. (Amended) A method of producing a hydroxy alkyl (meth) acrylate by the
reaction of a (meth) acrylic acid with an oxirane compound,